

REMARKS

Applicants have amended their claims in order to facilitate proceedings in connection with the above-identified application, so as to achieve earliest possible issuance of a U.S. patent based thereon. Specifically, Applicants have cancelled claims 7 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Noting 37 CFR 1.116(b), entry of the present amendments is clearly proper, notwithstanding finality of the Office Action mailed August 16, 2005.

The Examiner is thanked for allowance of claims 1-6, as set forth on page 7 of the Office Action mailed August 16, 2005.

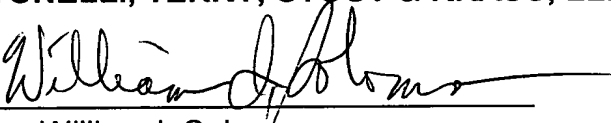
While the Examiner rejected claims 7 and 8 on prior art grounds, as set forth on pages 2-7 of this Office Action mailed August 16, 2005, it is respectfully submitted that the prior art rejections are moot in light of canceling of claims 7 and 8. Moreover, in light of present canceling of claims 7 and 8, it is respectfully submitted that the Response by the Examiner to Applicants' arguments, set forth on pages 7 and 8 of the Office Action mailed August 16, 2005, are moot.

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, wherein all remaining claims in the above-identified application stand allowed after entry of the amendments, entry of the present amendments, and passing of the above-identified application to issue in due course, are respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 503.35255V12), and credit any excess payment of fees to such Deposit Account.

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